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Agriculture.— Memorandum presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Kwara District Advancement Association

Action taken on the representations

Papers records

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An extract from the memorandum presented to H. E. the Governor by the S. Kanara Dt. Advancement Assoc. in Oct. last is communicated to the D. A. for such action as he may consider necessary.

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to the D. A. (with extract).

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Copy of D.O.No.1-305/35, dated 30th October 1935, from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras.

I am to send you for examination of any points not already noted on the enclosed extract from the proceedings of a deputation which His Excellency received at Mangalore on the 15th instant.

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A deputation from the South Kanara District Advancement Association consisting of the following gentlemen waited on H.E. the Governor at Mangalore on the 15th October 1935:-

Mr.M.S.Sreshta, M.L.C.
" M.Madhava Rao, B.A. M.L.
" J.A.Saldanha, B.A.LLb.
" J.B.Machado.
" B.Fernandes, B.A.
" P.Ranganatha Punja, B.A., B.L.

Mr.E.M.Gawne, I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, was also present.

The deputation handed to His Excellency the enclosed memorandum of their representations. They explained in detail the various subjects raised therein, and urged favourable consideration of their requests by the Government

As regards Agriculture, they stated that conditions in S.Kanara were very favourable for the opening of a combined experimental and demonstration farm at Mangalore. and they emphasised the need for the inclusion of Agriculture as an optional in the curriculum of the Government College.

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para.1 and 3 of the Address.

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1. Instruction in Agriculture.

The University of Madras has provided for recognition in a number of useful subjects for the intermediate course in arts, and agriculture was included as one of the subjects by the University, so early as 1927. This association made its representations to His Excellency Sir George Stanley when he visited this district, to provide for necessary facilities in the local Government College, for giving instruction in

agriculture, and we take this opportunity of Your Excellency's visit, to place the matter once more for your Excellency's kind consideration. Of the many districts in this Presidency, South Kanara is one of the few pre-eminently fitted for affording facilities for instruction in agriculture; its output of paddy, sugarcane, cocoanut, areca-nut, pepper and cashew-nut is very high. In close proximity to the Mangalore Government College are to be found suitable areas already under cultivation and growing paddy, cocoanut and areca-palm and quite suited to the opening of a combined Experimental and Demonstration Agricultural Farm, which can be maintained by the agricultural Demonstrator, already stationed here. It can serve the double purpose of being utilised by the pupils of the Government College who take up agriculture as their optional among the subjects prescribed for the intermediate course in arts, and secondly serve also as an experimental and demonstration farm for carrying out new experiments and also demonstrating its new methods by the Agricultural Department.

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3. Agricultural Demonstration Farm.

There is great need for an experimental and demonstration farm in this part of the Presidency. The conditions in the west Coast, both as regards climate and rainfall and soil are quite different from what prevails in Coimbatore. The cocoanut and areca palms and special strains of paddy and sugarcane, are matters which require enquiry and experiment having regard to the special conditions obtaining in these parts, as regards condition of cattle and climate and soil. It is also worthy of note that Mangalore is the chief exporting centre for cashew-nuts, which are getting a good sale in the European and American markets and a new trade has developed in cashew-nuts. Mangalore is now forced to import large quantities of cashew-nuts from Africa. There are certain important experiments concerning the cashew tree, and if the Agricultural Department succeeds in solving them, all available government waste lands can be converted into cashew plantations

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Development Dept.

To A.S.

Please see the extract from an address presented by the S.Kanara Dist. Advancement Association to H.E. the Governor at pp.1-3 supra.

Item (1) concerns the Law (Education) Dept.

vide portions underlined at pp 2 & 3 supra

As regards the suggestion to open a demonstration farm in the South Kanara Dist. it is submitted that there are already four coconut stations in the South Kanara Dist., one at Kasaragod and three at Nileshwar (I; II & III), where experiments are conducted on coconut and other oil seeds. As regards paddy, sugarcane &c., referred to in the memorandum, it may be pointed out that an Agrl. station is maintained by the Department at Pattambi in the Malabar Dist. where experiments and research work are carried on and demonstrations conducted for the benefit of the ryots in those parts, in cereals (like paddy, ragi, cumbu &c.); fodder crops, fibres, fruits, oil-seeds, spices, sugarcane, green manure crops &c. Experiments are also carried on with a view to control the Pests and Diseases attacking the crops. It is not the intention to open experimental stations in all districts. Such stations are opened and run by Govt. only for typical localities. There is already a Paddy Station in Pattambi. Moreover, in the present financial position of the province it will not be possible to open more farms and research stations in the Presidency. A Copy of the extract of the Memo. may perhaps be sent to the D.A. for information.

vide pp.576-605 of the Station Report for 1932-34 (not put up)

As regards the utilisation of waste lands for cashew cultivation, it is submitted that this

matter is already engaging the attention of the Agricultural Department. In view of the importance of cashew cultivation, the D.A. in 1930 issued a circular to the officers of the Agricultural Dept. to bring to the notice of the ryots the tracts where cashew tree can be grown with advantage as a profitable crop. Further the D.I. has arranged in consultation with the D.A. for the selection, by the oilseeds specialist, of the best varieties of cashewnuts with a view to encourage the cultivation in parts where it is not grown and extending it in places where it is already grown. He has also taken steps in co-operation with the Agrl. Dept. to popularise the cultivation of cashew trees in areas found suitable for their growth. No further action seems necessary. A draft Endt. is submitted below for approval.

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K.G.P.
28-11-35.

V.S.M.
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S.G.A.
29-11-35.

There are three stations on the West Coast:

(1) Research stations in Kasaragod, and Nileshwar in South Kanara for the study of coconut.

(2) Research Station at Pattambi in Malabar for paddy, fibres, fodder, fruit etc., etc., in South Malabar.

(3) Research Station at Taliparamba in Malabar which deals with many crops dry, wet and garden land crops paddy, sugar-cane, pepper, cashew etc.

(This is only just over the border from S.Kanara).
C.A.H.

The work on these farms must be of definite practical value to South Kanara ryots. The policy is to have farms - not in all districts - but in typical representative tracts.

As regards extension of cashewnut cultivation,